[English]

Amendment to Delhi School Education Act

4157. SHRI SURENDRA PAL PATHAK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to amend the Delhi School Education Act, 1973 to provide pension and retirement facilities to those teachers and employees of the Government Aided Schools who were retired from February 1971 to December 31, 1973;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which this proposed amendments are likely to be introduced in Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Impact of Agino Moto on Human Body

4158. SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Agino Moto, MSG (monsodium of lucomate), a flavour booster, is a harmful substance;

(b) if so, whether the Government have received any representations for banning the use of MSG;

(c) if so, the action taken thereon; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) the Joint Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA), and expert body constituted by Food & Agriculture Organisation/World Health Organisation has opined that the use of this chemical at the level necessary to achieve the desired technological effect and from their acceptable background in food do not represent a hazard to health.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

River water pollution in West Bengal

4159. DR. ASIM BALA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Jalangi, Churni and Ichamati river waters in West Bengal have been polluted as a result of the effluents released by the Sugar Factories for the adjoining areas; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to check this water pollution there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b). As per available information, all the four sugar mills in West Bengal have been closed for some years. However, the pollution in the Churni River is reportedly caused due to discharge of effluents from sugar mills in Bangladesh. Appropriate action has been initiated on this.

[Translation]

Implementation of Plus 2 Education

4160. SHRI LALIT ORAON: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government earmarked the target of implementing plus 2 education system in 500 schools of Bihar during the Seventh Five Year Plan under the National Education policy;

(b) if so, the progress made so far in this regard; and

(c) the time by which the said target is likely to be achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c). The information is being collected from the Government of Bihar and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*English*]

Night Landing Facilities at Imphal Airport

4161. SHRI YAIMA SINGH YUMNAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal of providing night landing facilities at Imphal airport; and

(b) if so, when it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The National Airports Authority has plan to provide the following additional night landing facilities:

(1) High Intensity Runway Lighting System.

(2) Taxiway Lighting System.

(3) Simple Approach Lighting System at 22 end.

(4) Category I Approach Lighting System at 04 end.

(5) Apron Flood Lighting System.

(6) Solar Powered Obstruction lighting System.

(b) These works are likely to be completed by 31st December, 1982 subject to availability of land for approach lighting & equipment.

Air Pollution

4162. DR. (SHRIMATI) PADMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether bronchial pneumonia are caused due to atmospheric invasion and if so, details thereof; and

(b) the remedial steps taken to contain it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Precipation, fog, temperature inversion are common meteorological phenomenon. Particles of various sizes including bacteria and gases and aerosols get carried down to the surface during inversion. In cities where air pollution is common, presence of oxides f nitrogen and oxides of sulfur may lead to bronchial irritation. Inversion inhibits mixing and so pollution accumulates. The accumulation of pollutants, which irritates and infective organizms during inversion can result in increased acute respiratory ailments.

(b) The government of I. has set up centres to monitor atmosphe pollution in different parts of the country. o ep to prevent